

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend page 1, above paragraph 1, by inserting the following paragraphs:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention.

Please amend page 1, paragraph 1, as follows:

The invention relates to a combustion bowl in the crown of a piston for a diesel engine, ~~in accordance with the preamble of claim 1~~ having a ring-shaped cooling channel disposed in the radially outer edge region of the piston on the piston crown side, whereby the combustion bowl as well as its bowl neck are disposed outside of the center relative to the longitudinal piston axis.

Please amend page 1, above the last paragraph, by inserting the following paragraph:

2. The Prior Art.

Please amend page 3, above the last paragraph, by inserting the following paragraph:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please amend page 3, last paragraph, as follows:

It is the task of the invention to avoid the disadvantages of this state of the art. This task is accomplished with the characteristics contained in the ~~characterizing part of the main claim~~ the present invention. ~~Practical embodiments of the invention are the object of the dependent claims.~~

Please amend page 4, above the first paragraph, by inserting the following paragraph:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please amend page 5, above the last paragraph, by inserting the following paragraph:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS